Department of Finance

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From:

Legal Title

California Water Fund

Legal Citation/Authority

Chapter 140, Statutes of 1959

Water Code sections 12900-12915, and 12938

Fund Classification

GAAP Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

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Legal Basis

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

Purpose

The funds are to be expended on projects constructed for the development, utilization, and distribution of water resources of state. This includes all necessary or convenient property, works, and facilities when funds are appropriated by the Legislature, or as provided in Section 12938 of the Water Code.

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Water Resources/Org 3860

Major Revenue Source

Net revenues derived from projects constructed.

Oil and dry gas revenues collected by the State Lands Commission.

Proceeds from any bond issue authorized and sold for these purposes.

Income from investments.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority

Section 12938 of the Water Code appropriates all moneys in the California Water Fund to the Department of Water Resources "for expenditures and allocation by the department without regard to fiscal years for the State Water Resources Development System."

State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from gas, oil, or property leases, and bond proceeds.

Comments/Historical Information

All resources of the Investment Fund were transferred to the California Water Fund.

Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964, Section 12 of First Extraordinary Session, provided for the annual deposit of oil and dry gas revenues, payable to the state from Long Beach tidelands, into the fund.

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Chapter 981, Statutes of 1968 added Public Resources Code section 6217, provided for the distribution of other oil and dry gas revenues. This increased the total deposit into the California Water Fund to \$25 million per year when combined with the amount deposited pursuant to Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964.

Chapter 600, Statutes of 1975 amended Section 12 of Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964 to provide for the distribution of the state share of all oil and dry gas revenues, by fund, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6217.

Chapter 1762, Statutes of 1959 added Section 12938 to the Water Code and appropriated the fund to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of the State Water Resources Development System.

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